



Ithaca Police Department
120 East Clinton Street
Ithaca, New York 14850 USA

Pete Tyler, Chief of Police
Police Administration/Records: 607-272-9973

Vincent Monticello, Deputy Chief of Police
Dennis Naylor, Deputy Chief of Police

MEDIA RELEASE

Prepared by: Sergeant David Amaro	Date Prepared: April 6, 2019
Type of Incident: Attempted Assault of a Police Officer	
Date and Time of Incident: April 6, 2019 at about 1:20 am	
Location of Incident: Ithaca Commons	

Defendant: Rose Degroat	Age: 22	Address: Ithaca, NY
Charges: Attempted Assault in the Second Degree, Class E Felony, 2 counts Resisting Arrest, Class A Misdemeanor, 1 count		

Defendant: Cadji Furgeson	Age: 26	Address: Ithaca, NY
Charge: Disorderly Conduct, Violation		

Defendant: Riley Johnson	Age: 21	Address: Ithaca, NY
Charge: Disorderly Conduct, Violation		

Around 1:20 am on Saturday April 6, 2019, several uniformed Ithaca Police Department Officers were on foot patrol on the Ithaca Commons. Officers witnessed a male subject, later identified as Cadji Furgeson, run across the commons and strike another male subject in the face, knocking him to the ground. The officers ran towards the fight and attempted to take Ferguson into custody. While doing so, a bystander, later identified as Rose Degroat, attacked an officer from behind repeatedly striking him in the head. Degroat then struck a second officer in the face before being taken into custody. The first officer experienced headaches and was treated by Bangs Ambulance. The second officer sustained cuts to his face and declined further treatment. Ferguson was secured in police custody.

The incident caused numerous bystanders, most of whom were uninvolved in the original incident, to attempt various forms of interference in the officers' attempts to make the lawful

People arrested by the Ithaca Police Department are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

DETAILS (continued)

arrests. Police used discretion in addressing the crowd and only one additional person, later identified as Riley Johnson, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. Due to the chaotic scene, the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office responded to the area to provide additional personnel.

Degroat was arraigned the morning of April 6, 2019 in Ithaca City Court on two counts of Attempted Assault in the Second Degree, Class E Felony, for attacking the uniformed Police Officers and one count of Resisting Arrest, Class A Misdemeanor, for interfering with the lawful arrest of Furgeson. Degroat was released on her own Recognizance and is scheduled to re-appear in Ithaca City Court on April 17, 2019 at 9:00 am. Furgeson and Johnson were each charged with Disorderly Conduct, a Violation. Both were released on Appearance Tickets returnable to Ithaca City Court on April 24, 2019 at 9:00 am.